

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1497  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP C.) MO  
SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S VISIT

REF: A) STATE 075294, B) STATE 075336, C) RABAT 1813

1. MFA DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BELKORA HAD NO PROBLEM WITH DEPARTMENT'S PRESS GUIDANCE IN REFTEL (A). REGARDING OTHER ASPECTS OF SCHEDULE, THE ONLY NEW FIRM APPOINTMENT SINCE WE SENT REFTEL (C) IS MEETING WITH FONMIN LARAKI AT 1030 APRIL 15. SECSTATE CHERKAOUI WILL SIT IN AND THUS NO SEPARATE CALL ON HIM ANTICIPATED.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT. WE PLAN TO TELL THE PRESS THAT MR. HABIB WILL TAKE QUESTIONS ON HIS DEPARTURE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO HAVE REMARKS TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH.

BEGIN TEXT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE FINAL STOP ON THE FIRST TRIP I HAVE MADE TO THE MAGHREB SINCE I ASSUMED MY PRESENT POSITION, LAST YEAR. WHEN WE INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO OF MY PROPOSED VISIT, IT VERY KINDLY ASKED THAT I COME AS ITS OFFICIAL GUEST, AN OFFER WHICH I GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

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WE HAVE VERY CLOSE AND LONGSTANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO. INDEED, I AM AWARE THAT THIS YEAR IN PARTICULAR - 1977 - MARKS A UNIQUE BICENTENNIAL IN THE HISTORY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES, SINCE IT COMMEMORATES A FULL TWO CENTURIES OF UNBROKEN FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE UNITED STATES. I THEREFORE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH MOROCCAN LEADERS ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST.

I WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT  
HAVE A LITTLE LATER ON DURING THE VISIT. END TEXT.  
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